B. Alkali Products

385 433 The alkali industry, in support of various other chemical industries, has been expanding steadily since World War II. Caustic soda and soda ash are used in pulp-making, aluminum-making, soap-making, and glass-manufacturing. Chlorine is used for the production of bleaching powder, insecticides, and so on. Production of some alkali products are given in the table below.

ALKALI PRODUCTION *

	Caustic Soda	Soda Ash	Liquid Chlorine	Bleaching Powder
1952	8,526	609	1,286	1,526
1953	10,181	915	1,823	1,330
1954	14,487	1,163	2,667	1,787

*/ Taiwan Economic Data Book, Part II, Vol. 3, 1955.

C. Cement

339 433 Formosa's sole domestic source of cement, the Taiwain Cement Corporation, was established in 1946 when the government consolidated and reorganized three cement works and two cement-products plants formerly owned by Japanese concerns. In 1954, the management of the corporation was transferred to private ownership. The total productive capacity of the three plants -- in Kaohsiung, Suao, and Chutung -- was estimated at 670,000 metric tons a year; actual production